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The cover picture show Joanne Harte (Warrington), who at age 17 is the youngest Central Councillor. Joanne got a round of applause for her firm statement that she wanted nothing to do with a separate breakaway junior Movement.

Photo: Scott Shaw



Toc H seeks to create friendship and understanding among people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Local group activities range from holidays for the handicapped and children's playschemes to arts festivals and even bird-watching. Toc H is short for Talbot House: the soldiers' club in Belgium founded by the Reverend 'Tubby' Clayton in 1915. Today Toc H provides opportunities for people to test the relevance of practical Christianity and we welcome anyone who would like to give us a try.

Members accept a four-fold commitment:

1. To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man.
2. To give personal service.
3. To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others.
4. To work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points – to think fairly.

# Guest Editorial

## EXTENSION

Each year at Central Council, discussion ranges over membership figures and expansion. I want to comment on some of this year's talk...

The Movement has an almost infinite variety of attitudes to the young and the older. We heard of places where they were working well together – including the branch whose only generation gap showed in the time taken to climb the stairs! We heard of groups and older branches helping each other but we heard, too, the cry 'how do we oldies get at the young at all?'

Discussion of expansion seems always to become discussion of how to get new young members. This time, several Councillors reminded us that getting Toc H into men of all ages was more important than getting men into Toc H...

Excitement about what we were doing was the theme of our General Secretary designate, Adrian Dudman. Feeling and conveying that excitement would attract people to us. How often do we fail in this, whatever our dedication and commitment? If my own excitement about Toc H were as infectious as Adrian's, I wouldn't need to worry about my dwindling branch!

A challenging remark from Councillor Pat Turner made us ask ourselves where we stood. Do established branches really want all the disturbance of new young life coming in, or, are they too happy and cosy as they are? If we really want to involve young people, we must not expect them to fit a pattern evolved by and for middle and old age. We must be ready to meet them in activities that they enjoy. Many of them will respond to a challenge to do something; that is why the projects programme appeals to them.

There is attraction in being needed: a plea for help will usually get a response. Some of those who come will help again and some may become members, but 'help Toc H' is a better starting point than 'join Toc H'. One Councillor spoke of the branch who were painting their meeting room. A passer-by asked what was going on, took off his jacket and gave a hand. Later, he became a member. That branch must have been enjoying their work together: was Adrian's 'excitement being passed on' there?

From Bob Knight came the advice that we must take time to get alongside people, not pressuring them but waiting until just the right moment. *We* have moved along the Toc H road and others may need to join it where we did; we cannot expect them to catch us up at once.

Clearly, there are successful groups of young people in Toc H, working alone or among established branches and these expressions are to be encouraged. Council was emphatically opposed to the suggestion that we should set up a junior section of the Movement. This general view was strongly supported by Joanne Harte, the youngest Councillor present, who insisted that she wanted nothing to do with a 'breakaway' junior Movement.

There was argument about the width of the 'generation gap', about the causes of it and about whether it existed at all. One Councillor claimed that there must be such a gap in every family. I don't feel that. To me, the succession of ages forms not gaps to bridge but a continuing ramp, with some of us already too far along it! We need the adventurous enthusiasm of youth, the experience of age and the contribution of all stages in between.

The mobility of modern life affects us all. We move from school and college to work, from single life to married life and parenthood; we move away to study and we move around in our jobs. All this makes it difficult to settle down for long in one voluntary activity. But there comes a time when life is more stable – often in our late 20s, our 30s, or our 40s. Let's not forget these age groups. Let's remember, too, retired people who have a valuable contribution to make – especially in these days when early retirement is common – and indeed may have a real need of what we can offer them.

So, we must expect to see people coming into and going out of Toc H. The Movement has been seen as a sort of university life. Following through the analogy, we can think of most undergraduates going out into the world at the end of their course while a small number of them will remain on the campus to teach and research. Without the dons, the university would have no continuity; without our membership, Toc H would have no continuity. Our helpers, our volunteers, the members who lapse are like those students who move on. We never know what effect their studies have had on their lives but we do know that the influence of the experience they have had can spread as ripples spread when a stone is cast into a pond.

These are some of my reactions to a Central Council meeting which made no momentous decisions but which deepened our Toc H experience through all that we shared in and out of the conference room...

Janet Rauch



# 'I've posted the news sheet up' by Bill Robinson

Those words of the Mold (Clwyd) Men's Branch secretary went unregarded then for the branch was busy with its plans for another boys' camp. Admittedly it was ten years since Mold's last and faces present then were missing now, and everyone's hair was greyer; but the enthusiasm and care were undiminished. . . Help of some kind came from all directions, in cash or in kind.

So finally, nine boys were met at Chester station and conveyed to Mold in 'Peth' — the Region's minibus: the holiday had begun. Donald, Tom, Richard, Mohammed, Mustapha, Michael, Darren, Simon, and Jerry would live at Cathrina House (the branch's home), along with camp assistants Kerry, Wendy and Tim and the camp leader, supported by many others who cooked and cleaned and laundered or took the boys out. . .

As it was, what a time the nine boys had! Visits to the auction mart, the beach, the fun fair, the docks, the quarry, Bala lake, the military museum, castles, Moel Famau, the Leisure Centre, the police station, the fire station, a farm, a poly-bag factory, the cinema — so many places.

Incidents stand out. Simon crying because he was made to go to the auction mart; and his joy and delight when he got there and found that the cattle were afraid of him!

Tom's pleasure on the narrow gauge railway. Their attention to the guide at the military museum. Jerry's love of castles. Their relish of a daily shower, the fun they had at Flint Castle, their enjoyment of Bala, their happiness when catching crabs — one can list so many things.

And then it was time for their return home, and not one of them wanted to go. 'Can we come back next year?' they shouted. Tom's letter sums it all up, 'Thank you for a nice holiday that you have gave me. I hope you do one next year and so I mite be coming again if you do it. And thank Tim and Kerry as well for a nice holiday and Wendy as well. It was nice to know you'. Thank you Tom, it was nice to know you.

And now it would be as well to look at that news letter. What's this?

'Why are most of you too lazy or disinterested to take part. . . ?

'Isn't it about time we heard from the "silent wonders"? Do we have branches in Mold or are they just names on a list?'

PS. During the camp the branch helped man the tent at the Eisteddfod.

PPS. The day after the camp the women's branch, tired though they were, provided tea for 50 youngsters from Warrington.



On the Dee



At Ewloe Castle



A special display!

Photos: Bill Robinson

## Guest Night successes in North Wales

Members in North Wales have been challenged by a highly successful series of Guest Nights during 1979. Each District played host to visiting speakers, chosen to illustrate the theme of confidence and renewal. Speakers were asked to elaborate

on the idea of giving examples of what was important about Toc H membership to them personally.

The series started with George Lee, member of staff from West Midlands, talking to an audience in Wem

of over 100 people. He was followed by Adrian Dudman who met Toc H members in Llandudno, Porthmadog and Wrexham. In October Jack Kirby (Headquarters) and John Burgess (South East Region) toured the Area with audiences ranging from a few dozen to over 50 people and finally, Communications Secretary, Frank Rice described his Toc H life to an audience in Welshpool.

'I am hoping that these entertaining speakers will light the spark of a better social programme in North Wales' explained Huw Gibbs. 'If Toc H is to attract new and younger people then it is important that we give them a thoroughly absorbing life with humour and intellect as well as jobs and administrative meetings. So far I am very pleased with the way in which members in the Area have responded to this idea.'

Adrian Dudman, taking up the point of his talk with a member of the audience at the packed Mold Area Guest Night, held in Wrexham.



Photo: Aled Oldfield



# For your diary

A Training Weekend for Branch and District Pilots and Jobmasters will be held at Alison House (29 Feb to 2 March 1980) under the leadership of Adrian Dudman and George Lee. We hope that in addition to a close study of these two very important offices it will also prove to be a 'fun' weekend together.

To ease travel cost it is hoped that Pilots and Jobmasters within Districts will travel together.

Details from: Adrian Dudman, 2 Ferens Close, The Sands, Durham DH1 1JX or George Lee, The School House, Tanworth in Arden, Solihull, West Midlands B94 5AJ.

## What went on at the Branch last night

Following the success of our weekend last April, with the above title, when we explored the fascinating subject of what actually happens when people find themselves in groups, we are repeating the exercise next March.

Toc H is about people. Through our experience of being together in groups, we learn a little more about ourselves, and about the development of relationships with others.

It is a common experience with all who are involved in working with groups, that there sometimes seems to be a hidden barrier, or an unspoken communication, between people. This is quite separate from the discussion, and yet has an effect upon it.

If you would like to recognise more readily what is happening in the group, join Bob Knight, Sue Cumming, John Mitchell and Tom Gulliver for a weekend of discussions and role play sessions.

The date is 7 - 9 March 1980. The place will be our conference centre at Cuddesdon, near Oxford. Cost will be £14.38 (including VAT). Send a deposit of £5 now to: John Mitchell, Kyrle House, Edde Cross Street, Ross-on-Wye HR9 7BZ. Bursaries are available to help with the cost.

# Open Forum

## CHILE

Well, is this sad, ridiculous or horrifying? – two undoubtedly nice ladies defending the Chile military regime which has imprisoned without trial, tortured and repressed.

I can only think that these two nice ladies thought they were living in heaven because they had pleasant homes above the clouds, so could not see the hell of misery in the lowlands.

Is this blindness, or self delusion out of avid concern for one's own property, to be a future symptom in Toc H? It is an odd fact that unless I had written to *Point Three* no one would have replied to question Lucila (Trudgett) Recart's enthusiasm for her dictatorship.

Poverty in Chile, as in many parts of South America, is not like poverty in Britain. Many who may not have known this before may have realised this from the photo on the front page of the *Observer* for 28 October, (or are people like some Victorians in thinking that such nine year old children are of the 'lower orders', so only fit to drag coal trucks, deep beneath the earth?) In Chile, too, there was appalling poverty. In 1964, there were efforts to bring about reforms. Allende – so hated by Lucila (Trudgett) Recart and Margaret Henry – tried to continue those reforms. To do this, he tried (to put it simply) to take a certain amount from the rich to give to the poor. That is what our Socialist Governments tried to do with our inequalities in Britain. One must be careful not to label such Government 'Communist'.

This labelling, by some monied interests (by no means all), who call any people 'Communist' who question gross inequalities is a deliberate, bedevilling

mischief. Would the two ladies admit that a Chilean Cardinal has been labelled 'Communist' by the Chile military regime? Do they even know that the present American Government is requesting the extradition of his members of the Chilean Army for the assassination of Letellier who was the Ambassador of Chile in the US?

Equally, one must admit the good that even a Communist Regime can do; exactly as one must condemn a Communist regime – or any regime – when we think they do wrong. Most of us would not condemn Allende's efforts to give more education to the children of Chile, to ease the lot of the poor, to get more people in work. Many of the landlords in Chile did blame him. 'No wonder,' you may say, 'it's human nature'. That does not make the Chilean rich right in a land where there are so many poor. Many of the richer people in Chile felt that they had to defeat Allende at any cost, and they had two main ways of doing this. As they could not defeat him in Parliament – and there was a Parliament then – they had to defeat him by force. How that force came about and was used is a matter of history.

How seriously can one take a lady – well intentioned – who implies, as Margaret Henry does in *Point Three*, that Allende's Government was 'totalitarian'? The facts are these: Allende was elected; there were various combinations of parties forming a Government of Popular Unity; there was an Opposition. Allende held elections, for Senators, for Deputies, and for Municipal Councils.

If that does not satisfy the democratic feelings of the reader, as it may not, consider and compare the Military Regime. They closed Parliament.



Young Toc H members don't want to separate themselves from the rest of the Movement – that was the verdict at Central Council, reported elsewhere in this issue. Just to reinforce it, here's

another picture of the age gap being successfully bridged at the Toc H National Youth Conference reported in last month's issue.



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It remains closed. They obliterated any Opposition. They wrote their own Constitution, without mandate. The Generals can put anyone on trial. They put the country under martial law. They make the Law, enforce the Law.

What is one to say about people who defend the military regime by calling Allende's rule non-democratic?

Some readers may have seen, recently, Amnesty International's report of the torture of a three year old girl, for four days, in front of her mother. They undressed the little girl '... whipped her with a leather whip, put her in a barrel of ice water until she almost drowned. The ...' — but, no, that is enough. That happened recently in Chile. The mother was opposed to the Chilean junta.

I have, before this, asked Lucila (Trudgett) Recart exactly where such organisations as Amnesty International are not telling the truth. I have asked her to give chapter and verse about our newspapers that are, she implies, lying in their reports of repression and torture in Chile. I have asked her if, in fact, she believes in dictatorship. She has not answered these questions. Can she at least remember that that tortured child, and many other tortured people of all ages, lived in Chile and were tortured by the Military Regime — which Lucila (Trudgett) Recart and Margaret Henry so defend and praise.

It's not funny; it's not just sad; it is horrifying.

Oliver Wilkinson  
Oxford

The last thing I wanted, when I wrote my first letter about the lies being spread regarding Chile (December 1978 issue),

was to start a futile argument with someone I don't know, and who is determined to disagree with all I say, although I speak from experience, and he from distorted hearsay and the wrong influence. Therefore I do not intend to continue answering these letters. But I must say two things: I did not say the British Press is corrupt. Once more the meaning of my words has been changed. The other is an apology to Toc H for the unpleasant things said about it, and all because they had the kindness to allow me to give vent to my feelings against what I see as injustice: and my thanks to *Point Three* for this privilege.

Lucila (Trudgett) Recart  
Santiago, Chile

**Note:** This correspondence is now closed. Both sides have expressed their views at length over several months and appear to have little new to add. The reader must decide such controversial issues by making his own judgment on the evidence adduced and the apparent quality and impartiality of the witnesses. — Editor.

### CALL A SPADE A SPADE!

With reference to Ron Bailey's letter, (November issue) Nuttalls Dictionary states that the word 'ass' means 'well known quadruped of the equine genus; a dull stupid fellow, a dolt' ...

As it stands, and forgetting the 'dolt' meaning, I object to any reference to kicking one of my favourite animals, the ass, or donkey. So perhaps it is as well that 'posterior booting' was inserted in brackets.

Using the wrong word has become a very bad habit this century and this use

of the word 'ass' is as bad as calling children 'kids' (which means 'goats'); and I am surprised that such a good magazine as *Point Three* has put such a mistake into print.

The word is correctly spelt 'arse'. My Nuttall says that that means 'the buttocks or hind part of an animal' and my Oxford says it's 'the buttocks or rump', and adds in brackets 'not in polite use' (though what is wrong with the word — much in vogue in even the Prince Regent's time — I do not know).

But, please — *Point Three* — don't use the wrong word. If you really want to be polite in front of the ladies you should have altered it to 'bottom kicking'.

Revd C A Cardale  
Totnes, S Devon

### THANK YOU

I am writing to *Point Three* in order to express publicly my gratitude to three Norfolk stalwarts of Toc H.

In my professional capacity I am the Intermediate Treatment Officer for East Norfolk, and for the past two years I have been responsible for organising jointly with Toc H, a summer camp for 16 children aged 9-12 years.

The three stalwarts in question are Alan Brooke, Len Elphick and Olive Tennant and I have the highest regard for their attitude and approach and general support to our work which is outstanding. The kind of understanding between us is quite special, and at times makes me wish that so called professional social workers would adopt a similarly responsible and humanitarian approach instead of hiding behind rationalisations and excuses of overwork as a way of defending sloppy and uncommitted work.

Our annual camp is held at Dunton, near Fakenham and aims to introduce the children to some challenging and confidence building situations, during which their personal contribution is both encouraged and appraised. We have been fortunate to have well balanced staff groups who communicate honestly and openly despite a wide variation in ages and backgrounds. This level of communication and agreement has really been the key to running a happy and successful week.

Could I say to Toc H and the three people mentioned above, a very big thank you for what you have done and are continuing to do.

M A Stubbings  
Norfolk County Council

## We will Remember...

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

#### In June

Charles W Worland (Constable District)

#### In September

Dolly De Frank (Paris)

Clare Stubbs (Eastbourne)

#### In October

Arthur E Bennett (Harlow)  
Major John W Carrington, MBE  
(Stockport District)

Rev R W Peter Dale (Seaford)

George J Frankel (Leicester)

William Renton (Duns)

Norman J Rowley (Surrey District)

Geoffrey C S Rule (ex-Margate)

George Woods (Duns)

Marjorie A Grimoldby (Ecclesfield)

#### In November

George E Miles (Ramsgate & Newington)

Bill Schaak (Walsall)

We give thanks for their lives



# From the Director

By Ken Prideaux-Brune



## AGENDA FOR THE 80's

Writing immediately after the Central Council Weekend I want to share with you something of what I said on that occasion. This was the last Council meeting in the 1970's and we need to give a great deal of thought to the major issues that will confront society in the coming decade and the particular contribution which our Movement can make. I hope you will play your part in that discussion.

Some of the crucial issues of which we need to be aware have been raised in the debate, in *Point Three* and elsewhere, on our attitudes to work and leisure. But there are others. There is, for instance, widespread cynicism about the role of professional social workers. And there is a great deal of self doubt within the social work profession about just what their function is and how it relates to that of non-professional careers. These issues are given a sharper focus at the time of public expenditure cuts. At the time also when Professor Townshend's recently published report has revealed the continuing extent of poverty in our society. How far does the responsibility for caring for those in need rest on the State? How far does it rest on each of us as individuals?

Toc H is above all concerned to enable people to experience a new quality of relationship. If that is to be more than a kind of escapism we have to find ways of taking that experience into other areas of life; and particularly into industry and commerce where a new quality of relationship is desperately needed. Industrial democracy has become a live issue again and I hope that those of you who work in industry or commerce, at whatever level, will feel that you have a particular contribution to make to this debate because of your experience in Toc H.

We claim, with justice, to be making a contribution to the breaking down of the barriers which keep people apart in our society. If we are to live up to this claim, however, we shall need to do much more in the coming decade to help people to come to know one another across the barriers of race and colour. If we believe, as we say, that diversity gives life its richness we should be much more positive about welcoming the cultural and racial diversity that Britain has gained in recent years.

And we need to open ourselves to the promptings of the Spirit — as we have begun in a small way to do — and see whether we are being led to make some contribution towards inter-faith dialogue. Might it not be that because of our emphasis on the importance of experience, of giving people the opportunity of discovering for themselves the truths at the heart of creation, we have a particular contribution to make to the growth of understanding and mutual learning between the different religious traditions? May it not be that we are being called to widen out our ecumenical concern and to seek a point of contact with the Jew, the Muslim, the Hindu and the Buddhist? I don't know the answers to these questions, but I am sure that they are questions which we ought to be asking ourselves.

These are some of the issues which I think ought to be concerning us as we enter a new decade. This may seem a frightening prospect. How can we be expected to find answers to such vast and complex problems? It is not, in fact our function to provide all the answers. The world doesn't need — and won't accept — pre-packaged answers. Where we do have a responsibility is to see that some of the real questions are faced. What is needed is not people who think they know all the answers but people who know at least some of the right questions.

The issues I have been raising may seem far removed from the more mundane concerns which occupy so much of our energy in Toc H. I am more and more convinced, however, of the importance of Tubby's dictum: 'Don't

bother about getting people into Toc H; but sweat blood to get Toc H into people.' That is a familiar sentence, but I think most of us find it very difficult to come to terms with. Our devotion to Toc H means that we are naturally anxious to see Toc H survive. But if it is true, as we keep saying, that 'God so wonderfully made Toc H' then its survival or its death are in His hands, not ours. Our responsibility is to be faithful to the work He has set before us. We are *not* called to recruit members for Toc H. We are called to enable others to share the experience of meeting those whom they would not ordinarily meet; to share the experience of taking responsibility for meeting the needs of their neighbours; to share the experience of exploring the spiritual dimension of life. And we shall only be able to share the experience in so far as people can see that the truths we claim to have discovered are posing real questions about today's society. As we try and wrestle with these issues — and only as we wrestle with them — shall we be true to our commitment to get Toc H into people.

The attempt to define the real questions facing society today is one which ought to involve us all. I would like to take this opportunity of commending three opportunities during this year in which I hope to share. The first is the February 8 — 10 weekend at Cuddesdon, advertised in last month's *Point Three*, which will be trying to identify some of the crucial issues facing us in the '80's. The convenor of this weekend is Tom Gulliver (Tel: 0272 842092). The Family Gathering on the Sunday afternoon of the National Festival weekend, June 1, will be trying to see the particular contribution which the Church and Toc H can make. And at Cuddesdon the week of August 16 — 23 will provide a chance of a holiday at our new Centre and also allow time to explore further some of the issues raised at the February weekend and at the Festival Gathering. Details of this week from John Mitchell, Kyrle House, Edde Cross Street, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 7BZ.



Members of Owion Manor (Hartlepool) Women's Branch met in the General Hospital when Central Councillor Laura Lee presented this second special bed. It

was given in memory of Thora Welch who despite crippling arthritis was a willing and active worker in all branch projects.

Photo: The Mail, Hartlepool



# Central Council 2-4 November 1979

## Small is Beautiful



This year's guest speaker was Mr John Davis, Chairman of the Intermediate Technology Group. He held us for well over an hour with a powerfully argued talk on 'Energy and Employment' and a briskly handled question session that could have lasted another hour. A summary of his main points is given below but this can only whet the appetite. The speech and the question session were recorded in full and cassette copies will be available for purchase as soon as they can be edited and reproduced.

### Little People

By 1965 we were getting over our 30 year old illusion that expert economists could understand and control the economy. In our present chaos, we could see that their traditional remedies didn't work. Many of us were frightened at being dependent on an economic system that no longer seemed dependable. John Davis pointed out that his concern, like ours, was about people — little people — small groups. We had no confidence in our ability to do anything significant because all that affected our lives was big and complex and remote. Yet there were great opportunities for us to act effectively and a wide range of needs, that we were not meeting. Instead of asking what 'they' would do, we should ask what 'we' could do.

### Don't 'Save it', 'Halve it'

We could and must both save energy and create jobs. The current cost of energy was £18,000,000,000 a year, ie £900 a year for each household. New forms of energy could increase this to £2,700 a year to be met from each household budget. More than half this energy was being wasted — most other industrialised countries used half our energy expenditure for an equivalent return. Thus, energy waste alone was costing

Britain more than health or education or defence. Roughly half the energy we used was in heating buildings: that cost could be halved easily and quickly by proper insulation. One third was used in industry (most of it in such large scale, heavy industry as steel production). Enormous energy savings would follow our abandonment of the 'throw away' principle (only 30 years old) and its replacement with the 'four Rs' — Repair, Reconditioning, Re-use and Re-cycling (all of which created employment as well as saving energy).

One seventh of our energy consumption was in transport and half of this was freight movement. Here again, immense energy savings would come from the use of longer lasting products and the movement away from large, over centralised industries to smaller, localised plants. The big brewers, for example, used masses of oil in shunting around huge tanker loads of a substance that was almost entirely water!

### Jobs come from Small Firms

As we moved along this path, we could see that there was no need for mass unemployment — even in the age of 'the chip'. More prosperous countries like

France and West Germany had five times our number of small manufacturers (employing 10 workers or fewer). And every house or car owner knew that we had a severe shortage of men working on repair and maintenance. The facts here and abroad showed that small firms:

- were more efficient;
- were innovating;
- provided most employment;
- produced most wealth;
- economised on capital, energy and materials;
- cut down imports of manufactured goods.

The barriers making this path hard to tread were our fragmented society which led us to work against each other (and here Toc H had an important role), the under use of our resources and all the legal and bureaucratic impediments to the setting up of new enterprises. We needed local pre-natal and post-natal institutions for embryo enterprises.

### 'LETs' Create Employment

These institutions already existed in the 12 Local Enterprise Trusts (LETs). John Davis described fascinating and varied examples of their work in Somerset, Clydeside and St Helens. Their common purpose was 'to foster the development of local enterprises by mobilising under used and accessible resources in support of new small enterprises'. In each case these new local enterprises had raised capital without difficulty, cut back energy consumption and created new jobs.

### 'Seek first the kingdom. . .'

But LETs were not only or primarily about new jobs: they were about 'community spirit'. We would start to solve our problems when we recognised that the wealth of a community was in its 'little people' and their spirit of enterprise and co-operation and self confidence.



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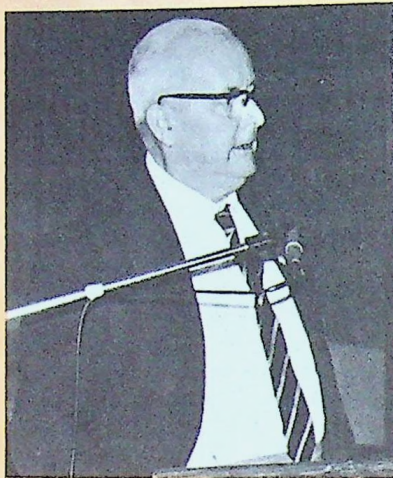
## Resolutions

It was proposed by Arthur Frymann, seconded by Elizabeth Taylor (both CEC) that:

Recognising that under existing regulations there is no way in which a motion may be presented by a Region except via a supporting District, the Council resolves that:

1. A Regional Council shall be able in its own right to raise a motion for consideration by the Central Council, such motion to be proposed and seconded by Central Councillors from within that Region.
2. A Central Councillor proposing any such motion from a Regional Council shall be absolved from the regulation requiring the support of at least one District within his own constituency in respect of such motion.
3. In view of the infrequency and varied timing of Regional Council meetings, motions from a Regional Council be accepted for the Central Council Agenda "subject to the approval of the Regional Council" in order to meet agenda deadlines.'

The motion was carried.



John Morgan (Western Approaches) proposed, Lionel Holden (Southdown) seconded the proposal that:

'This Council considers that the Movement ought to be concerned with the energy crisis and, as a small contribution towards the amelioration of this, should review the present policy regarding Staff Cars. To this end it instructs the Central Executive to examine ways and means of reducing the costs of providing Staff Cars - including whether the current method of purchasing vehicles centrally is both satisfactory and cost effective particularly in view of our own financial position.'

The motion was carried.



It was proposed by Clive Pearson (S Devon), seconded by Marjorie Porter (Bristol W):

'That the Central Executive proceed with all urgency their discussions concerning the use of increased leisure time, with a view to setting out guidelines which may be used by Toc H as a whole.'

The motion was carried.

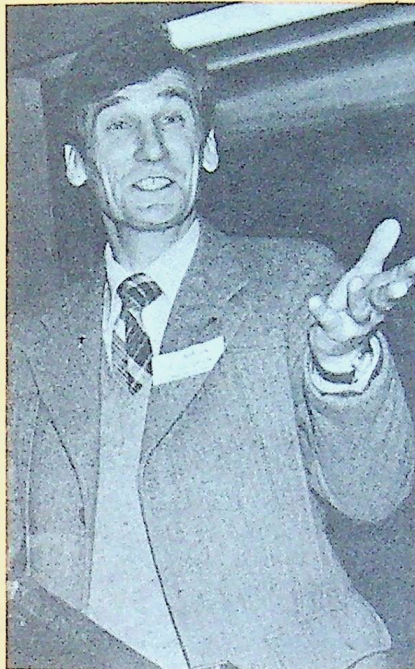




## Other Business

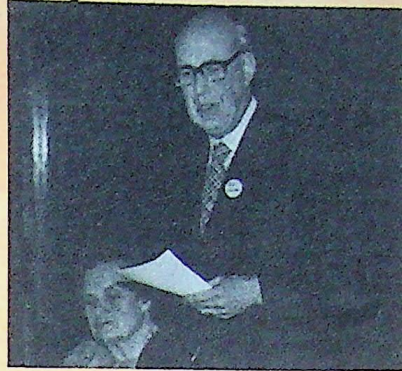
The following 12 members were appointed to serve on the Central Executive Committee: Jim Blake (SE Region), Harry Brier (NE Region), John Carter (NE Region), Cyril Cattell (Mid E Region), John Cutt (Mid E Region), Dorothy Lawrence (SE Region), Jim Lewis (Scottish Region), Don Lockhart (SE Region), John Morgan (SE Region), Rose Radford (W Mid and S Wales Region), Dick Stayman (NE Region), Elizabeth Taylor (SE Region). Since then, the CEC has co-opted Marjorie Porter (Bristol W) to serve with them. The new CEC includes one Roman Catholic, one Quaker, one Baptist, and nine Anglicans. The average age is 56.

Council confirmed unanimously the appointment of Adrian Dudman for five



years as the Movement's General Secretary. Adrian will replace Gilbert Francis who in July 1980 goes to Germany as Commissioner Toc H/BAOR, Chairman CVWW/BAOR. We all — but especially Gilbert — had a most moving experience when three members (the Director, Betty Cornick, Trustee and past CEC Chairman, and George Lee, who joined the staff almost at the same time as Gilbert) each gave a personal appreciation of what Gilbert's time as General Secretary had meant to them. Each spoke eloquently and from the heart. Together they left us all with no doubt of the impressive personal impact Gilbert had made on the whole Movement during his terms of office. In the same session Council confirmed the re-appointment of Ken Prideaux-Brune as Director for the next five years.

Dick Stayman (CEC member and Secretary to the 1980 Festival Committee gave a detailed account of plans for the Festival. These — together with application forms for tickets — are given elsewhere in this issue.



The Director gave a stirring address to Council on the challenges that face us in the next decade. The main thrust of his argument is repeated in 'From the Director' in this issue. Ken also gave us on Saturday evening a full report of his recent visit to Toc H Southern Africa, illustrated with his own slides.

Councillors were most interested to hear from David Currant, at present warden of Dor Knap, an account of Cuddesdon House, the planned Dor Knap replacement. This talk, too, was illustrated with slides. Elsewhere in the conference centre, the Friends of Cuddesdon had mounted a small photographic exhibition of the new centre.

In introducing the Accounts, Gerry Ashfield, our Honorary Treasurer pointed out that the annual deficit was smaller than expected but would increase in the current year. He thanked all members for the increase in giving they had achieved and repeated his challenge to us all to give one day's net pay to the Regional Purse and a second towards branch activities.



We heard from Peth Whitfield about the Birthday Scheme which last year contributed some £900 — mainly to Alison House.



Doris Longley told us of the important contribution made by the Friends of the Old House.



George Liddle spoke with enthusiasm about the Tubby Clayton Fund which has given practical help to 48 ordinands of various denominations. The Trustees of the Fund have now decided that the capital will be spent as and when the need arises.





## Humility

One of the most moving moments at Council came at the end when the Chaplain, Revd John Hull shared with us some thoughts on humility – 'not by any means the most popular of Christian virtues'.

'What of Jesus?' John asked. 'We read in Phillippians:

*"He made himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of man. And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."*

There is an interesting thing to notice here because the real meaning is *emptying oneself* – in order that the spirit has full rein (Kenosis). Because of that, God has highly exalted him ("... at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow... every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.")

'The humility of Jesus in the gospels shows itself in many ways – not just in His death but in His life.

We get glimpses of it in His miracles when He didn't want anybody to know about what He had done. In the raising of

Jairus' daughter, for example. When the girl came alive He commanded that it should be kept secret. At the same time – they were open mouthed about what had happened – He said the most human thing. "Well, give the girl something to eat then!"

'There is much in the parables about servants and lords – about where you should sit at table (take the lower place and someone might say "Come up higher"). We learn of the master as the servant – He who washed His disciples' feet – and this has something to tell us about the search for status. This is all part and parcel of a life given over in obedience – and complete trust.

'The approach is both human and divine. Our Lord prayed in Gethsemane, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me..." (a most human thing). However, "not my will but yours be done." Doing the Father's will – has all this anything to say to us?

'No man can honestly enter into a life of Christian service without understanding something of humility, for it is as a servant that he or she moves into it...



Every time we say the Lord's Prayer, the pattern of humility is established – "Our Father... hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done..." We echo it in the Toc H prayer, saying that God has set us in it to see our duty as His will. But how hard it is to say that and mean it! You know that I'm not talking about the vague Toc H – all those others – I'm talking about you and me. How hard it is to lay the problem, the question, the task at Jesus' feet and leave it there without telling Him how to sort it out! Yet, do listen now and always for the voice of God – to know *His* will, not *ours* – to hear His demands for our humility, our selflessness...



'Whatever on earth the future holds for Toc H – for you, for me – we can only ask that He uses us for His glory, not our own. This does not mean abandoning our personality: that is God's gift to us. But we must become more truly *ourselves* – what He would have us be. He wants us as we are now and this demands from us a deliberate act of faith in humble submission to His will.

'This is the way to the Kingdom.

'This is the way to Glory.

'This is the way for Toc H.'



## Question Time

Question Time looks like becoming a permanent feature of Council. This year, the box held 36 questions which were sorted and placed in order by a committee of five Councillors chosen by lot. The questions that came up for discussion were freely debated by the whole assembly on Sunday morning. The remainder will be dealt with in due course by letter and a selection of them will be featured in later issues of *Point Three*.





Wem (Salop) Joint Branch sails into the '80s with Chairman Alec Turner as Captain Pugwash and a crew of potential 'Toc H' pilots!



Jimmy Savile OBE interviewed 'Magpies' Pam Hughes, Helen Laird and Chris Hobby about their mini-handi dance with mentally handicapped adults in Southampton. The dance was the first step in a continuing relationship with the home and has already been followed up by the visit of a folk dance team.

# Welcome

The following branches elected new members during October and November:

- 5 - Leigh (j)
- 3 - Barrow-on-Humber (j), Charmouth (j), Ecclesfield (w)
- 2 - Buckie (j) Group, Clwyd District, Llandrindod Wells (j), Stamford (j), Stowmarket (w), Thurrock (j)
- 1 - Broadwater (w), Coningsby (j), Fleet (j), Gemini (Warrington) Group (j), Hemel Hempstead (m), Manchester District, Market Rasen (m), Norwich District, Redcar (j) Group, RHHI (j), Sprowston (m), Tubby's Poperinge (j) Group.

A warm welcome to 38 new members



A group of housebound ladies enjoyed a country drive arranged by Eastbourne Women's Branch. This busy branch carried on a wide range of activities throughout last summer - even though they do not meet as a branch during the main holiday months.



Branches of Cardiff District share in running a stall in the city's Community Concern Carnival. They raised more than £80.



Hereford Joint Branch's jobmaster has sent us an interesting account of some of their recent work. Some of this work involved a growing relationship with the

handicapped and deaf children of Blackmarston Special School - especially significant in this 'Year of the Child'. The pictures show the 12 children presently



at the school and the presentation by the branch chairman of their latest gift - a projector and screen.



# In Brief...

● Recently over 100 members and friends of Toc H in the SE Region joined Margate Men's and Women's Branches at a Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication. The occasion was the 30th birthday of the Margate Women's Branch. The service was conducted by branch padre Revd Eric Franklin and included an inspiring address by Revd 'Polly' Perkins. At the reception afterwards, guest speaker Ruby Relf recalled happy memories of her long association with Margate. Thanks to the selfless organisers, the whole evening was a happy success.

● Last autumn saw the 50th birthday of Ecclesfield (Sheffield) Women's Branch and the start of the 11th year of their 'Over 70s Club'. This club now numbers 125 members, some two thirds of them meeting twice a week in a local hall for refreshment and a wide variety of entertainment. Toc H members still run the club but financially it has become completely self supporting. Some 80 members and friends attended the Branch's 50th birthday festivities. An afternoon service was followed by a buffet tea at which the splendid birthday cake was cut by founder member Edith Higgins. Then speeches, lots of talk, community singing and dancing and a selection from the Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers. It was a memorable day and Ecclesfield have every intention of capping it when they celebrate their diamond jubilee in 1989!

● Branches in the Colne/Orwell District have a special interest in the residents of Hamilton Lodge at Bromley in Essex. This is a fine home (in a very beautiful setting) for mentally handicapped boys. Recently, Ipswich, Felixstowe and Trimley Branches took the boys to Felixstowe for an afternoon. In the same week, the boys were given a seaside day out by the Holland-on-Sea Branch.

● The Secretary of the N Walsham (Norfolk) Branch has sent us an interesting account of the most recent of a series of NE Norfolk District 'get togethers' — primarily social gatherings of about 60 members with some refreshment, some home made entertainment and lots of time for talking together. He says, 'These occasional social evenings. . . are most valuable. In no other way can members (especially in an area like ours) meet on an informal basis to renew old friendships and make new ones. Above all else, it allows plenty of time for mixing. . . I would strongly recommend other Districts to try such evenings. No speaker, though — that defeats the main aim. . .'

# Festival Year Diary

## Regional Festivals

North Wales and North West Region are planning a Regional 'get together' on 12 July 1980 in the Memorial Hall, Northwich, Cheshire. There will be a Rededication Service, tea and talk and a variety show. Details later.



West Midlands and South Wales Region have several functions in the planning stage — and more to follow. On 6 September 1980 they are staging an afternoon and evening at Pershore Abbey. Towards the end of March, South Staffs/Wulfrun District hope to hold a flag day in Wolverhampton and a 'Thank You' Barn Dance.



North East Region are working in Teesside on a District Garden Party and Fete for 17 May 1980. They have a rich programme planned and hope to gather some 500 guests. On Michaelmas Day 1980, the District proposes to hold a Service of Rededication and Thanksgiving.



We shall publish more details of these and other plans as we receive them. So, please let us know what you are doing in Festival Year.

## International !

The weekend before the Festival is the Spring Bank Holiday (23 to 26 May) and Cuddesdon House has been booked for the annual 'International Week'. This will make it possible for overseas visitors to get to know one another before the Festival.

All enquiries, please, to Greta Lynn, International Secretary at 42 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2AL.

## Toc H National Caravan and Camping Rally

(Sponsored by Peterborough and Stamford District.)

At Sacrewell Farm, Thornhaugh, Peterborough (beside the main A1). On Friday 27 - Sunday 29 June 1980, as a special Festival Year event.

Caravans or tents welcome. Cost £3.00 per unit for the weekend. A full programme is being prepared. Do come and make this a truly national event. Young people especially welcome.

Enquiries and bookings to Revd C M White, 68 Thorpe Park Road, Peterborough, Cambs PE3 6LJ. Tel: Peterborough (0733) 63686.

# The Friends of Alison House

The Committee of 'The Friends of Alison House' would like to thank all the members and friends who have contributed. Thanks to the efforts of Alan Robson in publicising 'The Friends', the fund has grown considerably. Among other things we are hoping eventually to re-carpet the small lounge.

## Statement of Account Year ending 30 September 1979

Income		Expenditure	
Balance (1 October 1978)			
	£		£
Donations and Social Efforts	141.37	Repayment Toc H (Loan for Fire Precautions)	100.00
Interest	405.18	Postage and Printing	6.04
	9.49		
		Balance	106.04
			450.00
	£556.04		£556.04

Treasurer: Faith Hewitt, 128 Lea Road, Wolverhampton.



# National Festival

London 31 May-1 June 1980

A festival is an occasion for joyful celebration, perhaps on the anniversary of some special event. The Diamond Jubilee of Toc H in 1975 was just such an occasion.

1980 is no special milestone in the progress of the Movement but many wonderful and exciting things have happened in the last five years; new expressions of Toc H have grown and flourished and there is a sense of enthusiasm everywhere — surely a cause for celebration.

The aim of this Festival, therefore, will be to take a look at and give thanks for what we have achieved in those five years and to look forward with joy to the next.

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## General Information

### Cost

£2 per person for everything on Saturday and £1 for events on Sunday. These are subsidised prices as the Central Executive Committee has agreed to underwrite the cost of the Festival, but donations in addition to the above sums will be gratefully accepted — the Application Form makes provision for this.

### Catering

Following complaints about catering arrangements in the 1975 Festival, we shall not be booking meals at specific restaurants. Instead, with your tickets you will get a comprehensive list of restaurants, snack bars etc in Victoria and Westminster for you to make your own arrangements — there are over 40 establishments in the area.

In addition we hope that two Mobile Canteens from BAOR will be operating on Saturday and Sunday.

### Hospitality

The South Eastern Region will be co-ordinating overnight accommodation in London on Friday and/or Saturday. Please indicate requirements on the booking form and we will tell you who to contact. In some cases accommodation will be in outer London, but bus or train fares will be a lot less than the cost of a hotel room.

The Region is also proposing to run sightseeing tours on Saturday in Toc H minibuses. Details will be published in *Point Three* in April.

### How to get there

A sketch map, to be used with the restaurant list and showing Central Hall and Westminster Cathedral, will come with your tickets. For travel between All Hallows and Westminster use the Circle or District Underground Lines — Tower Hill Station for All Hallows and Westminster or St James' Park for Central Hall. We are also exploring the possibility of arranging special buses from Tower Hill to Westminster on the Sunday.

### Traffic Information

Parking in Westminster is difficult but there is one car park in Abingdon Street opposite the House of Lords (entrance in Great College St) and another in Greycoat Place off Victoria Street. Coaches should be able to set down in Tothill Street alongside Central Hall. Parking for coaches is at Vauxhall Bridgefoot, SE1, just over Vauxhall Bridge; it might be advisable for your coach operator to contact National Car Parks to reserve a place. Warning. On Saturday morning, 31 May, there will be a rehearsal for the Trooping of the Colour and parts of central

London will be closed to traffic, so be prepared for holdups and diversions.

### Ticket Allocation

About 2,000 seats will be available for the Festival Evening and 1,000 for the Sunday afternoon gathering. Tickets will be allocated on a 'first come — first served' basis so complete the Application Form in this issue and send it off, with the appropriate remittance, as quickly as possible — 1st class post!

This is the normal system of booking when seats are limited and we hope it will avoid the situation in 1975 when many branches had their applications cut even though they had applied early. It should also enable you to plan your travel arrangements in good time as we hope to be able to confirm, or otherwise, your applications in late January or early February.

Any special requirements, eg for handicapped people in wheelchairs, should be indicated on the Application Form.

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We suggest that for your own reference you keep a record of all your requirements stated on the Application Form and of the date on which your application was sent.

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# National Festival

## Programme

**SATURDAY 31 MAY, from 11 am**

The Lecture Hall and Library of **CENTRAL HALL**, Westminster (opposite the Abbey) will be open for you to meet friends and talk together. Marks, Centres and Community Houses will have small displays, illustrating the importance of the residential Toc H experience. Each house will have a representative to answer questions. In the same area: information on projects, a literature stall, tea and biscuits! A place to meet old friends and make new ones.

No tickets required.



*Gillian Cumming*

**SATURDAY at 3 pm**

Festival Service in Westminster Cathedral, Ashley Place, off Victoria Street and near Victoria Railway Station.

The Preacher: Canon Norman Motley, a former Chief Anglican Padre of Toc H, founder of the Othona Community and Vicar of St Michael's, Cornhill, London. The Order of Service will be issued at the door. There will be a collection as you leave the Cathedral. No tickets required.



**SATURDAY: 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm**

Festival Evening, Great Hall, Central Hall. Main theme: 'Working Together': highlighting by words, music and pictures, achievements of the Movement in the last five years. A star studded entertainment section including a Welsh choir, Latvian dancers, solo items, comedy spots and a 'Festival Song'!

There will be a Roll Call and 'Light' will be taken – bring your Lamps (but not banners) and be ready to light them.

Souvenir Festival Programme on sale at the door, price 10p.

Tickets required (See Application Form following these notes).



*Dinnington TAG Calypso*



*Latvian Dancers*

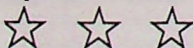


*Martin and Christine Wenham*

**SUNDAY 1 JUNE at 11 am**

Share in open air Communion at All Hallows-by-the-Tower, Central Church of Toc H.

No tickets required.



**SUNDAY 12 noon to 2 pm**

The Tower Moat will be available for meeting, talking and perhaps enjoying a picnic lunch.

Tickets required – no charge – see Application Form.

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**SUNDAY at 2.30 pm**

A Family Gathering, chaired by our Vice-Patron, The Hon Angus Ogilvy, in the Assembly Hall of Central Hall.

Theme: 'The Challenge to Toc H in the '80s – what has Toc H to offer?' Speakers include the Rev Canon Paul Oestreicher, vicar of Church of the Ascension, Blackheath, in South East London and Chairman of the British Section of Amnesty International. A panel of members will discuss the theme and seek to point some of the directions for the Movement's future development.



*Hon Angus Ogilvy*

Photo: Bob Broeder



# National Festival

## Application Form

Please complete and forward this whole form to:

R Stayman, Festival Secretary  
244 Chatsworth Grove, Harrogate  
North Yorkshire HG1 2EB  
Telephone: 0423 (Harrogate) 61984

Include with the form a stamped, addressed envelope measuring at least 9" x 4". The stamp value should be 10p for individual order and 15p for a block application.

From..... Branch/Group/District  
..... Region

Please send tickets as follows:

For events on Saturday ☐ at £2.00 each

For Family Gathering on Sunday ☐ at £1.00 each

For admission to Moat on Sunday ☐ Free tickets

I/We enclose a donation of

TOTAL, for which a cheque/postal order,  
payable to Toc H is enclosed

Total	For office use	
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£		
£ Nil		
£		
£		

We will bring our Lamp(s)

Yes/No	(Number)
	(Number)

Overnight hospitality would be appreciated for

Name .....  
(Block Letters)

Address .....  
(Block Letters)

Telephone: .....



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- ..... lapel stickers at £3 per reel of 1,000

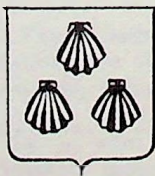
I enclose £..... (cheques made payable to Toc H).

Name .....

Address .....

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